



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

That my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

That I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled. APPARATUS AND METHOD ALLOWING GAS FLOW INTO AND/OR OUT OF CONTAINER ASSEMBLIES the specification of which (check one)

Λ	is attached hereto.				
	was filed on	as Applicat	ion Serial No fapplicable).		_and was amended on
That i	I have reviewed and under y amendment referred to ab	rstand the contents of the	he above-identified spec	cification, i	ncluding the claims, as
That I accordance with	I acknowledge the duty to h Title 37, Code of Federal	disclose information kn Regulations 1.56(a).	nown to be material to	patentabilit	y of this application in
tor patent or in	hereby claim foreign priori ventor's certificate listed be is invention having a filing	low and have also identi	fied below any foreign a	annlication	for natest or investors
Prior Foreign A	pplication(s)		Drio	rity Claime	•
	. ,		FIIO	X	L
				Yes	No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/M	onth/Year Filed)		
				L,	L
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/M	onth/Year Filed)	Yes	No
application in the disclose material	hereby claim the benefit ur far as the subject matter of e manner provided by the t I information as defined in prior application and the n oplication(s)	each of the claims of the claims of the street paragraph of Title 3 Title 37. Code of Fed	his application is not dis 5, United States Code, eral Regulations III Se	sclosed in t []112, I acl	he prior United States
(Application Seri	ial No.) (Fil	ing Date)	(Status)-(Pat	ented, pend	ling, abandoned)

That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request



that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to: WELSH & KATZ, LTD., 120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3913, Telephone No.: (312) 655-1500:

Attorney	Registration No.
A. Sidney Katz	24,003
Richard L. Wood	22,839
Jerold B. Schnayer	28,903
Eric C. Cohen	27,429
Joseph R. Marcus	25,060
Gerald S. Schur	22,053
Gerald T. Shekleton	27,466
James A. Scheer	29,434
Daniel R. Cherry	29,054
Edward P. Gamson	29,381
Kathleen A. Rheintgen	34,044
Thomas W. Tolpin	27,600 、
Mitchell J. Weinstein	37,963

Full name of sole or one joint inventor:

Inventor's signature:

Date:

U

Residence and Post Office Address:

Citizenship:

Address for Correspondence:

Leonard Ekkert

2-15-02

52 SAWGRASS DRIVE, LEMONI, IL 60439-7738

US.A.

WELSH & KATZ, LTD.

120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60606-3913